

Amendments to Specification

Please delete paragraph [0031], which starts with "This embodiment has a cylindrical body".

Please delete paragraph [0032], which starts with "A sifting machine that includes a mounting pin".

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Another aspect of the present invention is an improved sieve element that has a bead formed along its lateral edges ~~In order to prevent particulate material from passing between the sieve elements, the sieve elements may be provided with a bead that is formed along the lateral edges of the sieve elements. The beads are located~~ such that when the sieve element is placed in abutting juxtaposition with one or more additional sieve elements, the beads on the abutting edges of the respective sieve elements contact one another to form a seal therebetween. This seal prevents particulate materials from passing between the sieve elements where they might abrade the mounting pins.